

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

This program can be used in the home or by businesses for burglary prevention and property identification. Marking property with an identifying number can discourage burglary and theft. This number also helps law-enforcement agencies identify lost or stolen property.

WHERE DO I GET AN ENGRAVER?

Engraving tools are available at a variety of stores, including hardware stores, at affordable prices.

WHAT SHOULD BE MARKED WITH AN ENGRAVER?

Any electronic equipment such as cell phones, televisions, camera equipment, DVD players, or handheld electronic devices, etc. attract thieves. Mark them along with sports equipment, small appliances and tools.

Small or very valuable items such as jewelry or antiques can either be engraved by a jeweler or photographed for identification purposes.

WHERE DO I MAKE THE ENGRAVING?

Mark items as conspicuously as possible without defacing them. Make sure it is permanently affixed and not on any part that is removable. For additional protection engrave an item a second time in a less obvious location.

WHAT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SHOULD BE USED?

Use a number unique to you and that you will remember, such as your driver's license number. Avoid using your birthday or social security number as it may invite thieves to use your information for other crimes.

HOW TO USE THE ENGRAVER

- Hold the engraver straight up-and-down when in use.
- Adjust the tool for surface differences, if necessary.
- Practice using the tool before you mark your property.

KEEP AN INVENTORY OF ENGRAVED ITEMS

List your engraved items and include their make, model, size, color and serial number, if applicable. Record the exact spots where you engraved your identification number on each item. Keep a copy at home and in a secure place such as a safety deposit box.

An alternate means of documenting your property is to take digital photos and email them to yourself. Keep these emails in a separate folder so they can easily be accessed. In the event your property is taken and you are not home (e.g. vacation) you can access your email from where you are and provide the photos and serial numbers to authorities.

If you do not have access to email, take photos of your property and photos of the serial number and identification number you engraved on your property. Keep the photos in a secure place until needed.

DISPLAY YOUR OPERATION ID STICKER

Once you've marked your property, display an Operation ID sticker near every entrance of your home.



If you have any questions about the information contained in this brochure, please contact us at Oxnard Police Department, Crime Prevention Unit, (805) 385-7668 or crystal.walker@oxnardpd.org.

Preventing Crime is Everyone's Responsibility!